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KIBITZ

Operational Houses in Ludwigsburg and
 "Possible" House in Nuertingen

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1. For over two and a half years the KIBITZ Project has used the 27-room house at Asbergerstr. 34, Ludwigsburg, both as quarters for staff personnel [] and family—and as a safe house. A number of present-day KIBITZ agents, as well as several dropped agents, know the house and what it was used for.

2. It is therefore planned to return this house to the Army. No one is living in it now and for security reasons I have stopped using it operationally. [] and [] inventoried the house just before []'s departure last week for the US in preparation for turning it back to the Army. From what [] says, it can be returned to the local Billeting Office at any time as everything is in order. The house is in Ludwigsburg Sub-Post, Stuttgart Military Post. [] can arrange for the turnover.

3. As the whole German operation is in need of operational housing, I hesitate to turn this property back to the Army without attempting to "horse-trade" with the Army Billeting Officer. In this regard, [] has been looking around the Stuttgart-Ulm area for another property suitable for our purposes. He has come across one house that is excellently located, but I believe just a little too big for KIBITZ operations. This is a beautiful house in excellent condition and fair furnishings at Hindenburgstr. 35, Nuertingen, a town about 25 Km Southeast of Stuttgart and just south of the Stuttgart-Ulm Autobahn. This house has a big kitchen with 3 pantries, a den, a large entrance hall, toilet, dining room, large living room and a bar lounge on the first floor. On the second are five bedrooms and two baths. On the third, four small bedrooms. There is a two-car garage and another shed on the property. The entire garden is walled in. A large house sits about 40 yards on each side of Hindenburgstr. 35, while the front is a sheer precipice with a view of Nuertingen. To the back is farm land on a hill. The house is now occupied by [], an employee of OLC Wuertenberg/Baden in Stuttgart. From what [] has been able to learn, the house was formerly used by the Resident Officer of Nuertingen. The house is owned by a Herr Heller, the owner of the Heller Maschinenfabrik, Nuertingen. Heller bought the house just before or in the early days of the war. The house itself is

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probably not more than 20 years old.

4. From what E J and I can find out there are at present no other Americans in Nuertingen, although there might be one or two isolated ones. There is no American unit in the town.

5. It is believed that the house is too big for KIBITZ, but it would make an excellent house for training or safekeeping of two or three people. E J says the Stuttgart Municipal Sub Post which has charge of the house will probably give it to us for the asking as it is considered too far out for use by military personnel. It will probably be vacant in June, but if we want it I suggest that arrangements be made now for having it earmarked for us.

6. I will hold up turning back to the Army the KIBITZ house in Ludwigsburg until I have word from you in the matter. However, I would like to get rid of the place as soon as possible. Nuertingen I do not want, but pass the information on for your use. It would be appreciated, however, if you could get hold of a small house in a quiet residential area in or near Stuttgart by July/August for KIBITZ use.

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